Your committee on fraternal correspondyou gives due greeting to all the many grand lodges of our order throughout the Pythian world Our great fraternity is but just that here where it was born four | Fenton. decades ago recognition should be given to Klopfer. the founders of the fraternity and the important services they have rendered to the greatest of purely American orders of this

"It cannot fail to be inspiring to the corespondence committees of the sister domains of this, the mother of them all, to know that in the Grand Lodge to which we make this report there are now sitting as accredited elected grand representatives two diction, accredited elected grand representatives two of the five men who forty years ago tonight within three blocks of the location of the castle hall in which we now assemble founded our order. These men are Edward S. Kimball, grand representative from Superior Lodge, No. 27, and David L. Burnett, grand representative from Calanthe, No. 11, both hale, hearty and loyal; friendly, charitable and truly benevolent, notwithstanding the span of two-score years since

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first they took upon themselves the solemn,
binding obligations of true knighthood, as
still exemplified in the progressive ranks
of page, esquire and knight in this now
world-embracing order.

"Our first founder, Justus H. Rathbone,
sleeps in his never-to-be-forgotten grave;
his brilliant and zealous co-worker, Robert
A. Champion, passed away more than
thirty years ago, long before Rathbone's
'vision of beauty' became the mighty reality into which it has since developed.

"But with us yet and with us here tonight are those friends and associates of
Rathbone and Champion in the long-passed
but ever-remembered days of the beginnings of our order in the capital city of the nings of our order in the capital city of the republic. It will interest the valiant knights of other jurisdictions with which this com-

of other jurisdictions with which this committee exchanges fraternal news to know that neither of these are strangers to 'trope' and 'metaphor,' and that each is manifestly good to linger with us yet these many years. One of them is a member of the committee which hereby exchanges greetings with the correspondence committees of more than forty other jurisdictions. It is perhaps unnecessary for us to add that he did not write nor is he responsible for this portion of our report. The majority of the committee, however, who willingly stand sponsors for this paragraph of the report, desire to assure their brethren in sister domains that the kindest of words in sister domains that the kindest of words and sincerest of well wishes go to them

and sincerest of well wishes go to them with this report from one of the surviving 'founders' of the order.

"It is evident that our fraternity has prospered greatly during the Pythian period. Its membership is larger, its exchequer stronger and its manifest destiny plainer than ever before. It has grown from five members to nearly 690,690 in the lightness of some of its surviving founders. from five members to hearly 60,000 in the lifetimes of some of its surviving founders. Who may tell what vast numbers our fraternity may embrace within the lifetimes of some of its present younger members in the wonderful eras of national and fraternal expansion now before us? The order is clearly by for the greatest of nurely der is already by far the greatest of purely
American fraternal organizations; who can
predict how great it will be in the days
when our language and our kin rule the

'It is with regret that your committee finds itself unable to give the exact mem-bership of the order on this anniversary, This will be made known by the reports submitted at the forthcoming session of the supreme lodge in Louisville. It is, however, to quote the optimistic language of our last report to this Grand Lodge, perfectly apparent that the prosperity and ogress so abundant in the year covered by the report has continued in evidence.' ng of Pythianism in the world of fraorganizations. Pythianism has been practiced by good men and true, true and good friends for many centudes. It has remained, however, for the closing years of the nineteenth century and the dawning years of the twentieth century to reach a perfect organization, extending over many states and territories

and preparing to reach out into more dis-

"It is peculiarly fitting that on this ocasion we of the mother domain should be the first to felicitate ourselves and con-gratulate our well-beloved daughters of nany other domains on the splendid show-ng made by our fraternity throughout the Pythian world forty years from the day on which this order was here born. We are proud of the achievements of these fiftyfour domains which are at once our daugh-ters and our sisters. We are proud of the gress of our country and order. ress of our country and order. Each reach out into greater areas of influand power in the world during the orn century. We salute these domains in the inspiring language of the elo-quent and lamented Samuel S. Cox, many ears an eminent member of Congress, in oration of his long and successful life. He was speaking on that Fourth of July which saw at once five new stars added to the blue field of the standard of our country. The voice of the great statesman is stilled forever, but his glowing words of greeting to the new stars in the flag may well be used by this committee in iving salutation to the Pythians of all the domains of the world.

'All hall, sisters,' he said, and we act and express the same sentiment, elcome to the Olympian race. All hall promise of your superb morning. May e glorious to the end! Under favoring uspices may you so direct your destiny that the genius of our race and polity shall flourish beyond the imagination of man to conceive or "modern Homers sing, or smil-ing freedom write in their Iliads of

At its present meeting the Grand Lodge K. of P., will be called upon to consider a resolution for the appointment of a specia ommittee to compile sketches of the lives of all deceased and living past grand chan-cellors of the order. It is proposed that these be published by the Grand Lodge as a feature of the Grand Lodge journal for the fortieth Pythian period.

The Virginia Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, convened in annual session Tues-day in Pythian Castle Hall, at Petersburg, entatives in attendance from the various lodges throughout the state. The address of welcome was made by Mayor William M. Jones, and the response was by R. H. Mann of Petersburg. After the ad-dresses various committees were appointed, and the Grand Lodge degree was conferred on past chancellors and representatives. The retiring grand chancellor, George C. Cabell, jr., of Norfolk, made his report. There was a parade of the Uniformed Rank, in which companies from Petersburg, Roanoke, Suffolk, Nerfolk and Portsmouth par-

Columbia Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias, the home lodge of the present grand chancellor, William M. Hodges, Wed-nesday night celebrated at a public meeting seventh anniversary of its installation. by prominent members of the order and ladies were present upon the occasion

Last Tuesday evening the annual election of officers of Mithras Lodge of Perfection. A. A. S. R., was held. The lodge has had an excellent year, under the administration of Allen Bussius, 33d degree, which has just closed. This venerable master has advanced more than fifty persons to the 14th degree The officers elected Tuesday evening were asfoliows: Henry R. Evans, venerable mas-ter; Eimer E. Simpson, senior warden; Jaobus S. Jones, junior warden; Samuel Hart, orator; Louis Goldschmidt, almoner; John Olcutt, secretary; Allison Nailor, jr., casurer; Alexander McKericher, trustee; Dr. E. George Lind, master of ceremonles; Franc E. Sheiry, expert; Frank E. Sebring, ssistant expert; James Trimble, tiler.

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ficer will visit Columbia Commandery on March 4 next to witness the conferring the orders of the Temple and Malta under like conditions. In this connection Eminent Commander Riley, in his official circular, says: "The special attention of the sir knights is invited particularly to the basis is such that it will only be necessary to mention this matter to bring out the full numerical strength of Columbia Commandery in fatigue uniform and white gioves. Either the long or short coat may be worn at the next conclave.

Your committee on fraternal correspond-ce salutes the Grand Lodge and through Templar, has decided to hold an excursion and "Tounoi" at Marshall Hall during the summer, and has named a committee of five to arrange details and make the project successful. The committee consists of forty years young' this evening, and it is J. Harry Cunningham, Charles Long, D. H.

Washington Commandery, No. 1, paid a fraternial visit to Potomac Commandery, No. 3, Georgetown, last Wednesday night. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will be conferred by Potomac Commandery, On the 24th (next Wednesday) Washington Commandery expects to confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, It is reported the year has been a very prosperous ported the year has been a very prosperous one for the oldest commandery of this juris-

Potomac Lodge, No. 5, F. A. A. M., worked the Master Mason's degree last Monday night. This lodge is under the guidance of Worshipful Master Benjamin

B. Hunt. Columbia Lodge, No. 3, F. A. A. M., conferred the third, or master Mason's de-

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Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F. A. A. M., conferred the master Mason's degree last night. The past masters of National Lodge, No. 12, F. A. A. M., formed the team which last Tuesday night put on the master Mason's degree at the lodge. The various positions in the work were occupied as follows: Joseph M. Eggleston, P. M., worshipful master; Dan C. Vaughan, P. M., senior warden; Richard C. Lewis, P. M., junior warden; Joseph E. Falk, P. M., secretary: Richard H. Pegues, P. M., treasurer; William T. Hastings, P. M., marshal; Charles W. Otis, P. M., senior deacon; Edward Kern, P. M., junior deacon; Edward Kern, P. M., junior steward; Peter S. Lesh, P. M., junior steward.

The fellowcraft degree was conferred in Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, F. A. A. M., Thursday evening.

Thursday evening.

The choir of Federal Lodge, No. 1, is composed for this lodge year of W. D. McFarland, W. W. Rich, H. C. Pierson and P. N.

The Eastern Star, it is stated, is having a very prosperous year in the District. It has efficient grand officers in Grand Matron Nellie Landergren, Grand Patron Adolphus Gude and Grand Secretary Mrs. Rose Vost. Gude and Grand Secretary Mrs. Rose Vost.
The present presiding officers of the subordinate chapters are as follows: Ruth, No.
1, Annie Schafer; Electa, No. 2, Flora Crosier: Naomi, No. 3, Mrs. M. P. Murphy, Martha, No. 4, Julia W. Earnshaw; Esther, No. 5, Bertha G. Hudson; Bethlehem, No. 6, Grace E. Wilkins; Mizpah, No. 7, Mrs. Mamie Harrison; Areme, No. 10, Ethel D. Baker. Baker.

Naomi Chapter gave a luncheon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, and on Thursday, in addition, served a dinner from 4:30 to 7 o'clock in the banquet hall of the Scottish Rite Temple, 1997 G street. Areme Chapter, No. 10, had degree work at its meeting last night.

Esther Chapter, No. 5, O. E. S., conferred the adoptive rite on several candidates Thursday night. During the coming week it will serve luncheon at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, No. 1007 G street northwest. The days are to be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Charles Heyser, thirty-third degree, prominent member of the Mystic Shrine and the A. A. S. R., died suddenly at New

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association on Tuesday evening, the 16th instant, the following directors were elected to serve for three years: Theo, Friebus, Federal Lodge, No. 1; Jas. E. Hutchinson, St. John's Lodge, No. 11; Geo. W. Evans, Lafayette Lodge, No. by the report has continued in evidence.'

"The Pythian structure is growing stronger year by year, and was never in better condition be according to the condition of the condi 26; J. L. Sherwood, King David Lodge, No. 28. The following were chosen to fill unexpired terms: Henry K. Simpson, Lebanon Lodge, No. 7; Alex. Grant, B. B. French Lodge, No. 15; David J. Kaufman, Hope Lodge, No. 20, Wm. J. Wallace, Pen-

At the last meeting of Federal City Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., the committee, which had been appointed to arrange for the annual visitation of the officers of the Grand Lodge next Wednesday night, made a satisfactory report. In compliance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge the noble grand appointed the following committee on non-attendants: D. C. Cook, financial on non-attendants, D. C. Cook, manical secretary, chairman; Capt. D. V. Chisholm, Past Grand Master J. H. Wood, H. O'Donnell, W. G. Lang, W. B. Dorsey and W. H. McNiel, and also a press committee The representative from this lodge a committee of twelve members are mak ing a thorough canvass of the lodges membership in the interest of the Odd Fellows' home fund. The committee conmembership in The Interest of the Odd Fellows' home fund. The committee con-sists of H. O'Donnell, J. T. Carn, E. E. Rankin, C. L. Dalrymple, W. T. Parker, D. C. Cook, S. N. Mallory, C. Garrells, R. R. Munsey, C. S. Rockwood, F. F. Newman

Dr. E. E. Rankin has been elected de gree director of the lodge, and is industri-ously drilling the celebrated Federal City team. A valuable member of the lodge, W. H. Singleton, who for the past several years resided in Raleigh, N. C., has returnd to the city and been given a hearty reception by his lodge.

At the regular meeting of Modern Wood-men Camp on Thursday evening deputies working in the city, made the announce-ment that they would entertain the camp and other members of the order in the city on Friday evening. March 4, by giving smoker in the Masonic Temple. Hea Consul A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, Neb., an Director C. J. Burns of Ishpening, Mich., and several congressmen and other influential members of the order, will explain Woodcraft past and present.

The semi-monthly meeting of Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., the 15th instant was well attended. Among the visitors from out of town was Mrs. Mary Morors from out of town was Mrs. Mary Morgan of Grace Lodge, No. 54, Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Morgan has been active in lodge work for many years, and made a few cheering remarks on her experiences. A growing interest in the work of the Rebekah branch of the order in this community is apparent, and an active but friendly rivalry between the degree staffs of the ladges has awakened the membership genly rivalry between the degree stats of re-lodges has awakened the membership gen-erally to an anticipation of lively times in degree work. It is safe to assume that with an enthusiastic and well-drilled de-gree staff Naomi Lodge will not be far be-hind the leaders in a friendly contest for supremacy.

The recent destruction of the old Seven The recent destruction of the old Seven Stars tavern in the great Baltimore fire will be lamented not only in Baltimore and this city, but throughout the jurisdiction this city, but throughout the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This old landmark on Water street in Baltimore was made historical by the fact that on April 2, 1819, the first meeting preliminary to the institution of Odd Fellowship in America took place, and on April 26, the same year, the organization of Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows was perfected. A more fitting monument could doubtless be placed on the site, but the sentimental background formed by the quaint structure in the thoughts of the followers of Thomas Wildey has gone in the ashes of one of the greatest conflagrations in American history.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., at its meeting Tuesday evening received an invitation from Canton Washington, No. 1, P. M., to attend a reception to be given by the canton in Odd Fellows' Hall on March the canton in Our February and on March 4 to all members of the order in this juris-diction. At that time General Raney, com-manding the Patriarchs Militant of the country, will be the guest of honor. This invitation includes the families and friends

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The remains of the late Leonard Stoddard, for thirty-seven years sentinel of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and long tiler and sentinel of other Masonic bodies, were interred at his old home in Lawrence, Mass., last Sunday. Mr. Stoddard had for many years been a resident of this city. He was made a Mason in Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F. A. A. M., May 12, 1862. He was No. 16, F. A. A. M., May 12, 1862. He was for nearly twenty years grand tiler of the Grand Lodge of Masons; he was a companion of Columbia Chapter. No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; a knight of De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, and a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of this jurisdiction. At the time of his death he occupied the positions of tiler of Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix and sentinel of Robert de Bruce Council, Knights of Kadosh. He was also a noble of Almas Tample Mystic Shripe, and served as outer Temple, Mystic Shrine, and served as outer guard of that body for more than ten years. The Masonic Disciple, in its current issue, pays the following tribute to the deceased: "He was an exemplary, modest and de-"He was an exemplary, modest and devoted Mason, and, by a faithful discharge of his dutles toward the fraternity and his fellow-men, gained the love and esteem of his brethren and of all with whom he associated in official and private life. His ready, active co-operation in every fra-ternal and good work sustained the prin-ciples and reflected honor upon our insti-tution."

Arrangements are being made by the Ladies of the Maccabees to hold a convention in the city, commencing on the 20th of April. It will be held in the National Rifles' Armory Hall. At the same time of the convention, and on the night of the 20th, a class initiation will be held, to which all Maccabees and their friends are invited. Mrs. Penelope D. Smith, deputy supremore commander for the Lady Maccabees in this commander for the Lady Maccabees in this city, has the matter in charge, and has arrangements well under way. She is being assisted especially by Lady Past Commander Maxwell, who will take the part of commander in the exemplification of the class work on the night of the public meeting. Mrs. Lillian M. Holster, the supreme commander of the Lady Maccabees, will be here and deliver an address.

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Monday night, the 20th instant, will be a memorable occasion among the Maccabees in this city. The degree of Long Tent of Buffalo, N. Y., will give a class initiation in Masonic Temple hall, to which only Maccabees can be admitted, as the work will be great. This degree feam has the repube secret. This degree team has the reputation of being the best in New York, and among the best in Supreme Tent jurisdic-tion. On Tuesday night, March 1, a ban-quet will be given at the Regent Hotel in quet will be given at the Regent Hotel in honor of the visiting members from New York, including the great commander and great record keeper of that state.

State Commander D. W. Gall has gone to his former home at Philippi, W. Va., where he is to speak on the night of the 22d at an Odd Fellows' banquet given by the lodge of which he is a member. On Tuesday night following the banquet he is to address a public meeting in the M. E. Church in his home town, held under the auspices of the local lodge of the Maccabees and the state commander of that state, who give this public meeting in honor of the visit of the state commander of this jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Charles Thomas, the com-nander of Capital Tent, No. 9, has resigned because of absence from the city. He has one to the state of Georgia, where he will

remain indefinitely.

Arlington Tent, No. 10, now meets in McCauley's Hall, southeast, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and the Hive auxiliary to the tent meets in the same hall on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Georgetown Tent, No. 6, has entered the contest for the gold watch offered by the state commander.

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